

San Jose State University (SJSU)
Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)
October 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes
Location: Zoom
Start time: 1:06 PM End time: 1:57 PM

Members Present: Alex Payumo, Cleber Ouverney, Edmund Tang, Yun Wang (alternate, joined at 1:10 PM), Ningkun Wang (alternate), Wing Wan (alternate, joined at 1:22 PM), Anantha Korrapati (community), Kevin McCluskey (Vice-Chair) and Maria Piccone (BSO, Chair)

Guests Present: Laura Miller Conrad, Miri VanHoven, Joe Grzywacz, Xiao Su

The notice of the meeting was publicly posted on the IBC, Office of Research website.

1. Biosafety Officer's news

No incidents to report.

2. IBC news

To assist in providing a quorum, the Chair invited Ningkun Wang to participate as a voting alternate member for Cleber Ouverney. The committee agreed and proceeded to conduct business.

Members were informed that research "Development of antibacterial treatment strategies" was flagged by NIH as potentially violating the Dangerous Gain of Function (GOF) Research executive order (Notice Number: NOT-OD-25-127, May 2025). Principal investigator (PI), Laura Miller Conrad, provided an overview on the information required by NIH with a five-day turnaround. Members were also informed that a DURC questionnaire is being developed to assist PIs to identify DURC activities, and it will be sent to the members for review. Members were reminded to take the CITI Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC) training which covers specific guidelines related to this type of research, including the agents and types of experiments requiring IBC oversight. Dr. Laura Miller Conrad left the meeting at 1:30 PM.

The Chair presented the revised Annual Continuing Review Report Form to accommodate both research and teaching BUAs. The revised form was **unanimously approved** by the Committee.

A procedure to follow when the PI of an active research BUA goes on sabbatical was discussed. The Chair proposed that the PI taking a sabbatical (or medical, or family-related leave) should notify the IBC, designate a qualified individual replacement, update the BUA, review all protocols, and confirm the staff training. This process will help maintain compliance with biosafety regulations and ensure continuity of oversight during the PI's absence. Members wondered whether a technician may serve as interim PI. Also, another consideration is that not all leaves are equal; some allow faculty to remain research-active while others may prohibit it. The College of Science has the most experience with this issue and will provide guidance to the university leadership.

Maria Piccone, Chair of the IBC, announced she will leave the University in December 2025. The Vice-Chair thanked her for her dedicated service and the committee applauded her efforts on behalf of SJSU.

Members were informed about the following IBC actions:

- **BUA#10112023C.** "Forensic Genetics Research", PI: Mark Barash, Dept. of Justice Studies, College of Social Sciences. **Amendment (change of lab staff) was administratively approved on 9/14/2025.** Lab inspected on 8/4/2025. Training UpToDate.
- **BUA#10112023C.** "Forensic Genetics Research", PI: Mark Barash, Dept. of Justice Studies, College of Social Sciences. **1st year Renewal -No changes to the protocol- was administratively renewed on 9/17/2025.** Lab inspected on 8/4/2025. Training UpToDate.
- **BUA#1042024D.** "Pathogenic Microbiology Laboratory, Micr 141-L", Instructor: Dadbeh Rouhbakhsh/Walter Adams, Dept. of Biology Sciences, College of Sciences. **1st year Renewal -No changes to the protocol- was administratively renewed on 9/22/2025.** Lab inspected on 6/18/2025. Training UpToDate.
- **BUA#1042024E.** "Effect of Neutrophils and Microbiol. Pathogens During Natural Colonization and infections at Mucosal Tissue Surfaces". PI: Walter Adams. Dept. of Biology Sciences, College of Sciences. **Amendment (change of lab staff) was administratively approved on September 29, 2025.** Lab inspected on 5/27/2025. Training UpToDate.
- **BUA#1042024E.** "Effect of Neutrophils and Microbiol. Pathogens During Natural Colonization and infections at Mucosal Tissue Surfaces". PI: Walter Adams. Dept. of Biology Sciences, College of Sciences. **1st year Renewal -No changes to the protocol- was administratively renewed on September 29, 2025.** Lab inspected on 5/27/2025. Training UpToDate.
- **BUA#1042024C.** "Emotional and cognitive differences between online and in-person stress-induction paradigms". PI: Cheryl Chancellor-Freeland, Dept. of Psychology, College of Social Sciences. **Amendment (change of lab staff and contact information) was administratively approved on 9/26/2025.** Lab inspection pending. Training not UpToDate.
- **BUA#1042024C.** "Emotional and cognitive differences between online and in-person stress-induction paradigms". PI: Cheryl Chancellor-Freeland, Dept. of Psychology, College of Social Sciences. **1st year Renewal -No changes to the protocol- was administratively renewed on 9/29/2025.** Lab inspection pending. Training not UpToDate.
- **BUA#1042024B.** "Methods for detection of enteric viruses in recycle water". PI: Leila Khatib. Dept. of Biology Sciences, College of Sciences. **Amendment (change of title new title: "Detection of enteric organisms" and lab staff) was administratively approved on September 25, 2025.** Lab inspected on 5/27/2025. Training not UpToDate.
- **BUA#1042024B.** "Detection of enteric organisms". PI: Leila Khatib. Dept. of Biology Sciences, College of Sciences. **1st year Renewal -No changes to the protocol- was administratively renewed on September 30, 2025.** Lab inspected on 5/27/2025. Training not UpToDate.

- **BUA#11082024C.** “Biochemical Engineering Lab, ChE 194”, Instructor: Katy Kao, **1st year Renewal -No changes to the protocol- was administratively renewed on September 19, 2025.** Lab inspected on 5/20/2025. Training UpToDate.
- **BUA#11222024B.** “BIOL 135L, Molecular Cell Biology Lab”, Instructor: Bree Grillo Hill, **1st year Renewal -No changes to the protocol- was administratively renewed on September 23, 2025.** Lab inspected on 5/22/2025. Training UpToDate.
- **BUA#11222024C.** “MICR122L Bacterial Diversity”, Instructor: Cleber Ouverney, **1st year Renewal -No changes to the protocol- was administratively renewed on September 19, 2025.** Lab inspected on 9/15/2025. Training UpToDate.

The Chair sought a motion to approve the IBC actions. The motion was seconded.
The committee unanimously voted to approve the actions.

3. **Old Business. Review of minutes from the previous meeting on September 12, 2025**

The Chair sought a motion to approve the 09122025 minutes. The motion was seconded.
The committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

4. **New Business**

There were no new BUAs since the last IBC meeting